

The time to act has long since passed. We need to approve Rockefeller-Bond, and we need to do it this week.

Some of our friends on the other side say they will not vote for cloture on Rockefeller/Bond because they could not amend it. No one should be deceived by this complaint. The amendments they want would transform it into a replica of the partisan bill that was reported out of the Judiciary Committee last fall. In other words, allowing amendments would guarantee failure.

Some of our friends on the other side say they want a 1-month extension. Never mind that we have had 10 months to act already. No one should be deceived by this complaint either. The real reason for the 1-month extension, of course, is to give Members who vote in favor of it the political cover they need to vote against Rockefeller/Bond. This is another clever way to make the bill fail.

Some of our friends on the other side say we are wrong to insist that phone carriers who may have cooperated with the Government in tracking terrorists be immune from lawsuits. The implication is that this is some kind of a favor for big business. But this advice is coming from the intelligence community, not politicians, because they know that we could never expect these companies—or any others—to cooperate in the future as long as the threat of a lawsuit looms.

Finally, some of our friends accuse us of being scaremongers for urging passage now. But the terrorist threat has not diminished since 9/11. It hasn't expired. The Director of National Intelligence assures us it hasn't. The memory of 9/11 tells us it has not. Attacks in Madrid and London and Bali tell us it has not. And the terrorists themselves tell us it has not. The threat is real. And we cannot let success in preventing another one keep us from staying on offense with all the tools and resources we have. The bottom line is this: by voting for cloture on Rockefeller/Bond, Members will guarantee that this important antiterror tool does not expire. And those who vote against it are voting either to delay its reauthorization or to weaken, not strengthen, our terror-fighting tools.

Fixing FISA is within our grasp. Will we come together and embrace the compromise approach that protects us, and doesn't force companies to make a false choice between the good of the firm or the good of the country or will we go the partisan route? It would be a worrisome sign indeed if the first bill Democrats filibuster this year deals with national security. We must resist the mistakes of last year, and act.

Last week, we saw the kind of tough compromise that's necessary when lawmakers are more concerned about making a difference than making a political point. Now it is our turn. The second session is young. But the choices we make this week will define

us. And in my view, it is a welcome opportunity.

Here in the second week of the session we have a chance to show Americans that we can work together on their behalf, to solve problems; to protect their security and protect their wallets. This is a defining moment for the 110th Congress. Let's put the mistakes of last year behind us. Let's show that the U.S. Senate can get the job done.

I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

The Senator from Utah is recognized.

DEATH OF GORDON B. HINCKLEY,

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, as the majority leader noted, last night Gordon B. Hinckley, the oldest serving president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the history, passed away. He was 97 years old. Many might think that in lasting until 97 he passed away as a wasted, worn-out man. That is not true. President Hinckley was energetic and enthusiastic and fully engaged within just a day or two of his passing. With my senior colleague Senator HATCH, I have had meetings with him and the other leaders of the church and was always amazed at how well connected he was. He read the papers. He watched the television. He knew what was going on in the world outside the church every bit as much as we did. His memory was phenomenal. There are many people who were 20 to 30 years his junior who could not remember current items of news as well as he could.

So it is appropriate we take a moment or two to comment on the stewardship and contribution of this great man at the time of his passing. We do not mourn for him. He has joined his wife, his parents, and those others who have gone before him who may have a little sense of "Gordon, what took you so long?" But he stayed at his job and he fulfilled his stewardship in an impressive manner. The mourning we have on this occasion is mourning for ourselves, for the loss we have sustained in seeing this great and good man go on.

I have made mention of his energy. I should also mention his enthusiasm. He had a great zest for life. He was always looking forward to the next activ-

ity and the next opportunity. Along with his energy and enthusiasm, he was a man of humility and humor. You were never quite sure when he stood at the pulpit to speak if he was going to say something that would put you at ease and make you laugh, because that happened much more often than it did with some others who were a little more serious in their message. His messages were always serious, but they always had that touch of humor.

The last message we heard from him, speaking to the entire world in general, and to the church specifically, was his sermon of last October. I am sure he did not know that would be his final sermon to the members of the church. But it started out again with a touch of Hinckley humor. He noted, as he stood to speak, that singers will sing the same song over and over again, as people ask them to perform; orchestras will play the same symphony over and over again; but speakers are always expected to say something new. He said that bothered him a little, as he was going to repeat a sermon he had given before. After we smiled at his early comments, we heard a lecture on anger. He talked about the toxic effects of anger and how we should do our very best, both in our personal lives and in our professional lives, and, if I may, here in the Senate in national dialog, to do away with the sense of anger.

I have just returned from the annual session in Davos, Switzerland, where I heard a lot of people who could benefit from that sermon, as there was a lot of anger people had toward other governments and other government officials.

I will not in any way attempt to capsize what President Hinckley had to say about anger, except to demonstrate that this was his benediction prior to his death to the members of his church, telling them not to be angry with their families, not to be angry in their communities, and not to be angry with the world.

A former Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, Paul, spoke in his letter to the Corinthians about the three most important attributes of a Christian: faith, hope, and charity. Gordon B. Hinckley spoke of these same attributes and lived them in his life. But he put them, if you will, in modern terms: optimism, confidence, and love. A sermon telling us not to be angry with our fellow men is a fitting capstone to the stewardship of this man. It is a modern way of saying Paul's term "charity" or the pure love of Christ. We shall miss him.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Utah, Mr. HATCH, is recognized.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I may speak for about 5 minutes on Gordon B. Hinckley.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I associate myself with the remarks of my colleague from Utah, Senator BENNETT.